

Public Law 102-156
102d Congress

Joint Resolution

To designate November 16, 1991, as "Dutch-American Heritage Day".

Nov. 13, 1991

[H.J. Res. 177]

Whereas, on November 16, 1776, the batteries at the Dutch port of St. Eustatius fired the 1st salute to the flag of the newly independent United States;

Whereas the firing by the Dutch of the 1st salute to the flag of the United States uplifted the morale and determination of the individuals who were fighting for American independence;

Whereas commemoration of Dutch-American Heritage Day provides an opportunity for approximately 8,000,000 Dutch Americans to celebrate their Dutch roots and the extraordinary contributions their ancestors made to the political, economic, and cultural development of the United States; and

Whereas commemoration of Dutch-American Heritage Day promotes awareness by the people of the United States of the essential role performed by the Dutch people in securing American independence and in aiding the development of the United States for the past 215 years: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That November 16, 1991, is designated as "Dutch-American Heritage Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved November 13, 1991.

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